namely, the Dabhol project in Maharashtra has also achieved financial closure.

(d) It is the primary responsibility of the State Authorities/Organisations to monitor the progress of implementation of these projects. However, the Government of India extends all possible assistance to the State Authorities/Organisations in this regard and shall continue to do so.

Delay in processing of power projects

4458. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been delay in the processing of the proposals for Cabinet approval by the Ministry of power for a number of power projects despite funds being tied up for such projects, as reported in the Business Times (Times of India) of February 1, 1995;

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard;

(c) what are the reasons for delay in the processing of these power projects and what is the latest position in this regard; and

(d) which are the foreign agencies to fund these projects and how much commitment charges have been paid or to be paid to each of these agencies on account of delay in processing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) to (d) Details are as follows:

(i) The Vindhyachal-II (2x500 MW), one of the projects under the World Bank Time-slice Loan of US$ 400 million of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) was delayed for want of clearance concerning requirement of a Flue Gas Disposal (FGD) Plant, as stipulated by the Ministry of Environment & Forest, (MDE&F) which was finally accorded in August, 1994. Investment approval to the project was granted in February, 1995. NTPC is required to pay commitment charges to the World Bank as per the loan agreement.

(ii) The Faridabad GPP St. I (400 MW) of NTPC for which Overseas Economic Corporation Fund (OECF) of Japan financial assistance has been tied up, was delayed due to revision in configuration of the project from 800 MW to 400 MW, based on commitment of supply of gas by the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas. The agreement between the OECF & Government of India does not provide for any payment of commitment charges.

Performance of IB Valley Power Project

4459. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated capacity of I B Valley Power Project in Orissa;

(b) the actual performance of that power project in the generation of power so far; and

(c) the projections made for the power generation in that power plant during 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) The estimated capacity of IB Valley Power Project Unit-I & II of Orissa is (2x210) 420 MW.

(b) Unit-I of the IB Valley Power Project was synchronised on 22.5.94 and started commercial generation w.e.f. 20-12-1994. This Unit has generated 317 million units during 1994-95. Unit-II of this project is scheduled for commissioning during 1995-96.